

House Resolution No. 4039

Whereas, it is always a pleasure for the members of the Missouri House of Representatives to recognize an outstanding Show-Me State couple who have ceaselessly embraced the promises made to one another so many years ago; and

Whereas, Mr. and Mrs. Verlin Tonnies, treasured residents of Knox City, Missouri, commemorated the jubilant occasion of their Golden Wedding Anniversary with a family dinner in Hermann; and

Whereas, Verlin and Mary Tonnies attained this impressive milestone by the sincere commitment they have demonstrated to each other since their marriage on August 19, 1953; and

Whereas, on that unforgettable day, Verlin Tonnies and Mary Schempp promised to devote themselves to each other throughout all the days of their lives during a beautiful wedding ceremony at the United Methodist parsonage in Braymer; and

Whereas, over the course of the past half century, Verlin and Mary Tonnies have had the pleasure of raising two children, Rebekah McCarty of Knox City and Deborah Huebotter of Columbia, and the privilege of spoiling four grandchildren, one step-grandchild, and two step-great-grandchildren; and

Whereas, Verlin and Mary Tonnies truly serve as an example of the way marriage was intended to be as demonstrated by their enjoyment of daily companionship, their constant display of support for one another, and their shared commitment in respecting the feelings and opinions of each other; and

Whereas, Verlin and Mary Tonnies are an exceptional couple whose five decades of shared happiness, affection, and devotion so beautifully illustrate the abundant triumphs of a successful marriage:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously in extending our most hearty congratulations to Verlin and Mary Tonnies upon the joyous occasion of their Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary and in wishing them continued prosperity as they begin their fifty-first year of wedded bliss; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Mr. and Mrs. Verlin Tonnies.

Offered by _____
Representative Brian Munzlinger
District No. 1

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 4039, adopted September 11, 2003.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker